

DEMOCRATIC LEADERS OF RICHMOND.

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It is Again Beginning to Get Lively.—The Fight Will Probably be Between Swanson and Montague.—A Negro Carves His Antagonist With a Razor.—State Board of Canvassers Meet Monday.—Albemarle Democrats.—Theodore Haas Dead.—General Lee's Son Ill.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 24.—The democratic leaders, according to reports here, are engaged in framing an amendment to the constitution by means of which they hope to save considerable money to the state, besides doing away with the general shaking up attendant upon the frequent state elections.

It is their idea to combine or consolidate these elections whenever possible. The leaders say that this can be done without any detriment to the interests of the state, and that thousands of dollars now paid out to officials of various kinds can be saved.

A STUPENDOUS TASK. The stupendous task before the constitutional convention can be imagined from the statement made to-day by a well-informed gentleman, who said that the body would probably sit for six months, if not longer.

The Democrats of this section are fully alive to the necessity for sending only good men to the convention, and there is no doubt that the leading members of the Richmond bar will be selected.

THE GUBERNATORIAL FIGHT.

The national election and all matters pertaining thereto having been gotten rid of, the gubernatorial fight is again beginning to get lively. It is now stated that Captain R. C. Marshall, of Portsmouth, seems to be gaining ground.

Captain Marshall has a number of friends, and while he is regarded as one of the leading candidates, yet he may stand a good show of winning on the "dark horse" proposition.

SWANSON AND MONTAGUE.

There seems to be no reason to doubt that the main contest will be between Hons. Claude A. Swanson and A. J. Montague. Each may have such strength as to make success for either of them impossible. Right here the dark horse will get in his fine work.

CARVED HIS ANTAGONIST.

A case in which the art of using a razor was demonstrated to perfection occurred here this morning. Two negroes, Montague and Wilson by name, respectively, got into a row. The latter produced a razor, and before any one could interfere had inflicted a dozen wounds on his antagonist, ranging in length from one inch to five. The injured man will recover, probably because it seems impossible to kill a negro with his favorite weapon.

THE STATE CANVASSERS.

The board of state canvassers will meet at noon on Monday in the office of the secretary of the commonwealth for the purpose of canvassing the vote cast in the recent election for president, vice-president and congressmen. The board is composed of the following state officers: Governor, secretary of the commonwealth, treasurer, auditor and attorney-general. Mr. J. C. Hanks, chief clerk to the secretary of the commonwealth, has compiled all the figures, and the work for the board will be comparatively easy.

ALBEMARLE DEMOCRATS.

It is said that the democrats of Albemarle and the city of Charlottesville will most likely choose Hon. William H. Boaz and "Parson" John E. Massey to represent them in the constitutional convention, provided they shall be entitled to two members under the apportionment.

Mr. Boaz has served a long time in the house of delegates, and is now the chairman of the house committee on finance. He and "Parson" Massey led the fight for the convention in Albemarle, and are said to be the choice of a large majority of the voters. It is understood that Mr. Boaz will make no canvass, but that his friends all over the county are pressing him for the place. The same is true of Mr. Massey.

THEODORE HAAS DEAD.

Mr. Theodore Haas, son of Mr. Sol Haas, formerly of this city, died at 10 o'clock last night at his home in Birmingham, after an illness of three weeks of typhoid fever. Young Mr. Haas was about 30 years old, and lived in Richmond for a long time, having been connected with the office of his father, who was traffic manager of the old Richmond and Danville system and was later assistant to President Samuel Spencer, of the Southern, after the reorganization of the former company. Subsequently Mr. Haas, Sr., became president and general manager of the Blooms Steel and Iron Works, of Birmingham, which place he held until recently.

Mr. Haas, Jr., went to Birmingham with his father several years ago and took up the real estate business, in which he was eminently successful. He was regarded as one of the most active and substantial of the young business men of Birmingham.

GENERAL LEE'S SON ILL.

Information has been received here to the effect that Lieut. George Mason Lee, who recently returned from San Francisco from Manila, is critically ill. He came back to this country on account of ill health, but it was only recently that his condition appeared to be at all serious.

Lieut. Lee is the second son of Gen. Fitzhugh Lee. While it is not known positively, it is expected that Gen. Lee has either left New York or will depart for San Francisco to look after his son. He expects soon to take up his residence in Omaha, as commandant of the Department of Missouri.

Fitzhugh Lee, Jr., the eldest son, is a lieutenant in the army in the Philippines.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES.

A beautiful marriage, to take place next week, will be that of Miss Della A. Stringfellow and Mr. Raymond Mencha, of Grand Rapids, Mich. The ceremony will take place at 5:30 o'clock Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's father, Major Charles A. Stringfellow.

Rev. Robert A. Barr, formerly pastor of Monumental Church, now of St.

Luke's, Norfolk, will be the officiating minister.

GENERAL ALLAN BACK. General Edgar Allan has returned from Norfolk, where he has been spending several days. During the week he had a slight surgical operation performed for an old trouble. The general had nothing to say with reference of the rumor that there may be a change soon in the office of Assistant District Attorney.

PHOEBUS.

A SOCIAL HOP.—FRANCHISE REFUSED.—HYMNAL.—PERSONAL.

Phoebus, Va., Nov. 24.

The social hop given by Col. Royal T. Frank Garrison No. 6, Army and Navy Union, Thursday night, at the Masonic and Odd Fellows' Temple on Melton street, was a decided success. The rooms were beautifully decorated. The ladies were elegantly attired, and the military in their bright, new uniforms made a picture pleasing to the eye. Several hundred invited guests were present, who were entertained by music, recitations, sight of hand performances, hypnotism, club-swinging, etc. Acting Major Frank A. Kearney delivered an interesting address. The music of the orchestra was fine. The dancing continued far into the small hours. The banquet, considering the large number of guests, was a magnificent affair. Taking it all in all, this was one of the most enjoyable occasions that the young people have had here.

FRANCHISE REFUSED.

The citizens of Phoebus are greatly disappointed to-day to learn that a franchise was not granted the Hampton Roads Railway and Electric Company, at the special session of the Town Council, held last evening. The new company had already made a concession which would allow workmen a five-cent fare to Newport News, which many thought should be satisfactory, but it appears that a majority wish to fix a ten-cent fare for the general public. This does not suit the company, so the matter is held up for the present at least. There are but few Phoebus people who have business at Newport News, and as the question does not effect Old Point, the company might yet decide to accept the conditions asked by the Council.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Frank A. Kearney is acting major in the absence of Major White, who is taking some recreation, hunting in North Carolina.

Two popular young people of Phoebus, Mr. E. A. Wells and Miss Flora Haymon, have taken out a license and will be married in the near future.

PETERSBURG.

A MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE.—CAPT. RAFFERTY IN EXTREMIS.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Petersburg, Va., Nov. 24.—Miss May Stewart, a daughter of Mr. A. T. Stewart, who resides near Carson, in Dinwiddie county, left the home of her parents without the knowledge of any member of the family on last Tuesday and took the northbound train. She told Captain Brooks, the conductor, that she was going to New York to get married, and that her intended would meet her in Washington. Mr. Theodore Born, of New York city, and a first cousin of Miss Stewart, was on a visit recently to Mr. Stewart's family, and was quite attentive to his cousin May, and it is thought that she and Born have been married, though no definite information has yet been received by Mr. Stewart. Both Mr. Stewart and Miss May Stewart's sisters told your correspondent this morning that they were all the more surprised at the young lady running away from home, as she had always been permitted to have all the company she desired, and was much loved and well treated by her parents.

PEANUT COMPANY ORGANIZED.

A peanut company, for the purchase of peanuts, has been organized at Disputanta, Prince George county, and is called the Disputanta Peanut Company. Mr. A. E. Rainey is the general manager. The other officers have not yet been elected.

A SPECIAL SERMON.

The Councils of the Junior Order United American Mechanics of Petersburg and Ettrick, Chesterfield county, will hold Thanksgiving services to-morrow night at the Second Baptist Church, where a special sermon will be preached before the order by the pastor, Rev. J. D. Harte.

NEW TOBACCO.

Much of the new tobacco that has been brought to market show a good deal of character and quality, but is lacking in length, and therefore, is not as suitable for the Italian and Austrian governments, by whom much tobacco is purchased here, as was the tobacco last season.

CAPT. RAFFERTY VERY LOW.

Capt. James Rafferty, conductor on the City Point branch of the Norfolk and Western Railroad, who was so seriously injured some days ago by his left foot and leg run over by his train, and who has been in a critical condition ever since, is not expected to survive but a few hours. Capt. Rafferty has been on what is now the Norfolk and Western Railroad since 1880, and is one of the best known railroad men in the state. He was for some time section master of the road at Wilson's depot, in Dinwiddie county. For years he was a freight conductor, but for some years past had been a passenger conductor. He is a native of Ireland, and is highly esteemed by all who know him.

ROANOKE.

CHARTER GRANTED.—POPULAR SUBSCRIPTION.—FURNACE SOLD.

Roanoke, Va., Nov. 24.—Judge Woods of the Hustings Court, yesterday granted a charter to the Roanoke Co-operative Furnace Company. The company is composed of about 1,500 employees of the Norfolk and Western shops, offices and trainmen. Its object is to establish an independent coal yard to furnish coal to its members at cost, and it will also probably handle groceries, stoves, etc. The organization of the company has struck terror to the souls of the coal "trusts" of the city. They started out selling run of mine, coal, dust, and all for \$5.50 per ton, and now sell it screened at the same price. The Co-operative Company will sell the best coal at \$4.50 per ton.

The subscription to the Virginia College in Roanoke is increasing, and there is now some hope that the building will be built. If not, the school will doubtless be located at Bedford City Hotel, although teachers and faculty are much pleased with Buena Vista.

The West End Furnace has been sold by C. B. Baird to the Roanoke Furnace Company. The price paid was \$500,000. The furnace, which shut down about a month ago, will go in blast in about thirteen days.

SUFFOLK.

Another Big Day for the Peanut Growers and Buyers.

Movement to Reorganize Business Men's Association.—Hog Thieves.—Franklin vs. Suffolk Football Game.—Anniversary Reception.—Railroad Change.

Suffolk, Va., Nov. 24.—This was another big day for peanut receipts, but the total number of bags which came in are hardly as many as last Saturday's receipts. The demand is still less than the supply. Despite many reports about the crop being so short, there are plenty of peanuts in the country, and this year's product, taken with those left over from last season, will bring up the crop to an average one, still not as big as last year's, for that was abnormally large.

One very noticeable thing about peanuts this year is the small difference between the price of bunch and running nuts. That is because the latter average much larger than usual. The factories, by screening the running peanuts this year, get from 30 to 40 per cent of the jumbo or highest priced factory goods.

WANT TO REORGANIZE.

Through the efforts of Mr. R. W. Withers, chairman of the last attempt to organize a business men's association, Mr. E. E. Hartsook, secretary of the Danville B. M. A., has been induced to come to Suffolk to reorganize the association. Mr. Hartsook comes highly recommended as to experience and character, and will, no doubt, interest Suffolk's business men.

Mr. Hartsook proposes to establish in conjunction with the association, a bureau of credits, something which business men need. He will call on the merchants Monday and lay before them his plans.

HOG THIEVES.

A very mean set of thieves got in some work in Nansemond county before day this morning. The victim was a man named Johnson, who is poor and who has been afflicted for several years. The thieves went to the hog pen and killed his hog, which weighed about 125 pounds. Then they escaped with the dead pig. Hurricane Branch was 'phoned to and offered to furnish his bloodhounds at a cheap rate, but Johnson couldn't afford to pay.

FRANKLIN'S GAME.

The Suffolk High School football team will go to Franklin next Thursday to play a Thanksgiving game. The local boys have been practicing, and expect to put up a rather strong contest against the Franklin Academy eleven. The following line up has been determined on, but is subject to change:

Suffolk.	Line Up.	Franklin.
Norfleet, D.	L. E.
Carr, L.	Gary, L.
Ivy, L.	G. G.
Norfleet, R.	C.
Baker, R.	G.
Lewis, R.	T.
Gray, R.	E.
Dennis, R.	B.
Norfleet, L.	B.
Farley, R.	H. B.
Dean, R.	F. B.

WILL BE ADVANCE AGENT.

Mr. H. E. Elam, manager of the City Hall Theater, has made an engagement to go on the road as a theatrical advance agent for Leavitt's "Spider and Fly" Company, and will leave tomorrow for Wilmington, N. C. He will go thence to Charleston, S. C., Key West, Fla., and to Cuba. The show is also booked for a five weeks' tour through Mexico. The season will not conclude until next May.

Mr. Elam is a theatrical man of considerable experience, both as manager and traveling agent, and this, coupled with energy and progressiveness, should make him a valuable member of Leavitt's forces.

ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Pinner are going to have a swell reception in honor of the fifteenth anniversary of their marriage. The event will take place Monday evening, December 3, at their home, No. 36 Pinner street, better known as Brooklyn Heights. The hours will be from 8 to 11 o'clock. Quite a number of their friends in Suffolk and at a distance will attend.

RAILROAD CHANGE.

Beginning on Monday Suffolk and Carolina trainmen will have their headquarters at Ryland, N. C., instead of Montrose. This is because of the proposed extension of the line from Ryland to Edenton, N. C. One or more houses will be fitted for their accommodation at Ryland.

BRIEFS.

The Westminster League will meet at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon in the Presbyterian Church. Leader, Hugh Little; topic, "The Boyhood of Christ." Rev. C. H. McGhee will give an entertainment to be called "Character Sketches" at Public Hall, Carverville, next Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Read the notices of County Treasurer Ellis and E. L. Folk & Co. in the advertising column.

A Card of Thanks.

Charity Conclave No. 5, Heptasophos or S. W. M. Messick, York Co., Va., Nov. 19, 1900. To the Officers and Members of the Fraternal Benefit Fund and Grand Conclave of Virginia: I hereby take this method of expressing my appreciation and gratitude for the manner and promptness with which you adjusted the death benefit claim of \$200 of my late husband, J. J. Newton. Witnessing the Order and its members great prosperity and success, I am Very respectfully, (Signed) MARY NEWTON.

SUFFOLK ADVERTISEMENTS.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS. On DECEMBER 1st I shall add 5 per cent penalty to all unpaid taxes for the year 1900, as required by law, and every taxpayer wishing to avoid the said penalty can do so by calling at my office on or before said date. SYDNEY T. ELLIS, County Treasurer.

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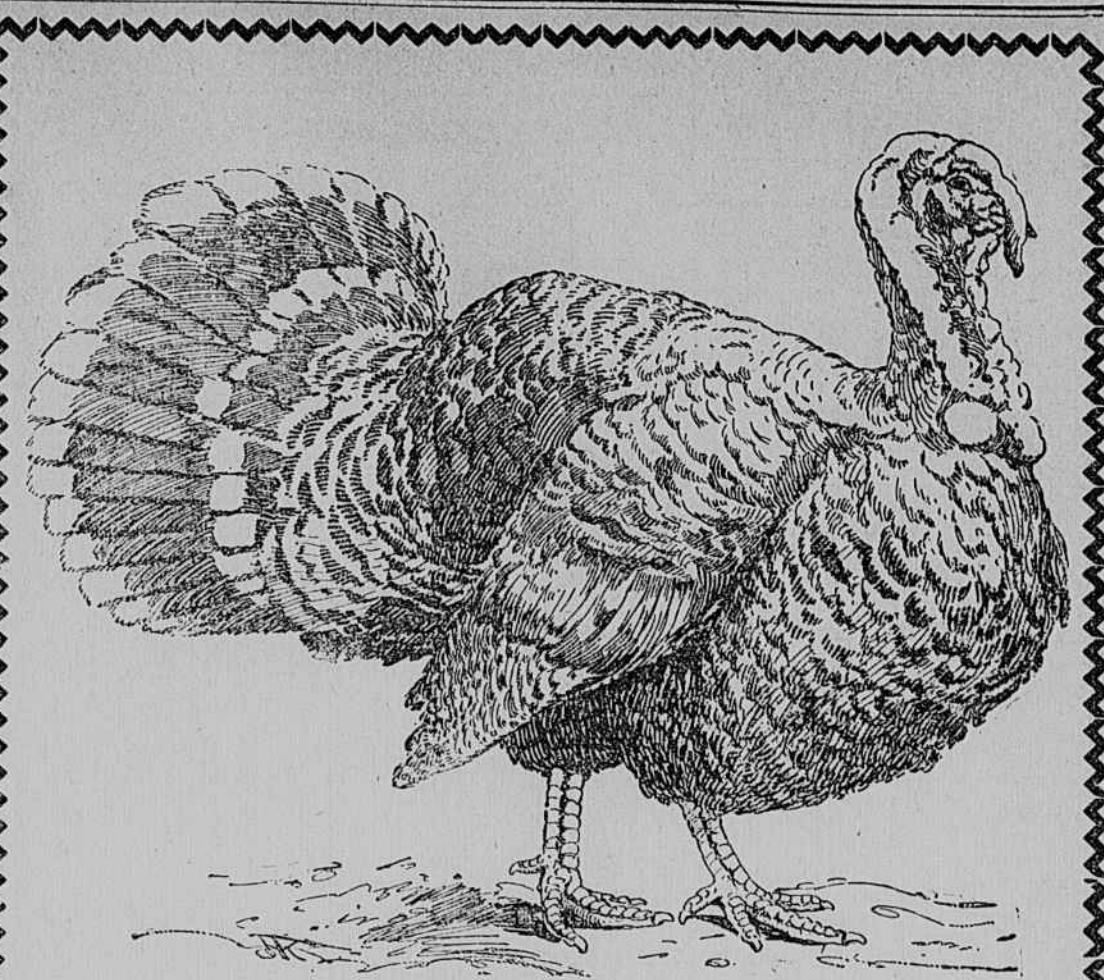
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